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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/092,734, filed on March 8, 2002, entitled **OPTICAL SWITCHING APPARATUS, OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND METHOD OF SETTING UP FOR OPTICAL SIGNAL ROUTE**, by the following named inventors: Sunao KAKIZAKI, Hideaki TSUSHIMA, Shigeki KITAJIMA, Yasuyuki FUKASHIRO, Takashi MORI.

1. ☒ I hereby state that the enclosed application contains no new matter.

2. Oath or Declaration
   a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
   b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
      i. ☐ Deletion of inventor(s)
      Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

3. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 2b is checked)
   The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

4. ☐ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

5. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.

6. ☒ Cancel claims 1-10 & 12-15.